(c) whether the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was the outcome of talks that began in the last Pravasi Bharatiya Divas where Indian doctors wanted to contribute to their motherland; and

(d) whether the collaboration would include joint research, implementation of strategies and policy recommendations to the Indian Government?

THE MINISTER OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI): (a) to (d) The Information is being collected and would be laid on the Table of the House.

Population of overseas Indians

2633. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS:
SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:

Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the population of overseas Indians, country-wise;

(b) the number of Indians who returned during the last three years from each country and the reasons therefor;

(c) the number of students presently studying, country-wise; and

(d) the countries where there is no office of Government of India even if Indians live there?

THE MINISTER OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI): (a) As per list given in Statement-I (*See* below).

(b) The number of Indians returned during the last three years are 56,53,635 in 2004, 65,04,109 in 2005 and 74,36,768 in 2006 (excluding Immigration Check Posts at Hyderabad during the June & December, 2006, Ahmedabad during September & December, 2006 and Sutrakandi during October, 2006). This includes all Indians like overseas Indians, students, tourists, businessmen, etc.

(c) No such data is maintained by this Ministry.

(d) There are no resident Indian Missions in 83 countries. These countries are concurrently accredited to Indian Missions in neighbouring countries (List placed in Statement-II) (*See* below). In addition, Government of India has appointed Honorary Consuls/Consul Generals in 56 places to look after interests of Indians (List placed in Statement-III).

Statement-I

Population of Overseas Indians: Country-wise

Sl. No.	Country	Overseas Indians living abroad
1	2	3
1.	Afghanistan	3,500
2.	Albania	8
3.	Algeria	450
4.	Angola	1,000
5.	Argentina	1,400
6.	Armenia	720
7.	Australia	2,23,600
8.	Austria	17,000
9.	Bahrain	2,60,400
10.	Bangladesh	1800
11.	Belgium	16,133
12.	Bhutan	Nil
13.	Bosnia and Herzegovina	30
14.	Botswana	11,000
15.	Burnei Darussalam	7,500
16.	Bulgaria	192
17.	Burkina Faso	175
18.	Canada	10,00,000
19.	Cape Verde	12
20.	Chile	1180
21.	China (including Hong Kong)	47,250
22.	Combodia	345
23.	Congo (DR)	4,000
24.	Costa Rica	32
25.	Croatia	39

1	2	3
26.	Cyprus	2700
27.	Czech Republic	500
28.	Denmark	4313
29.	Egypt	1400
30.	El Salvador	25
31.	Estonia	60
32.	Fiji	3,16,100
33.	Finland	2,490
34.	France	65,000
35.	Georgia	115
36.	Germany	68,500
37.	Ghana	6,000
38.	Greece	12,000
39.	Guatemala	24
40.	Guinea	250
41.	Guinea Bissau	31
42.	Honduras	52
43.	Hungary	159
44.	Indonesia	82,000
45.	Iran	1500
46.	Iraq	9,000
47.	Israel	64,000
48.	Italy	48,499
49.	Ivory Coast	305
50.	Japan	15,000
51.	Jordan	8000
52.	Kazakhastan	2400
53.	Kenya	75,000
54.	Kuwait	5,49,080

1	2	3
55.	Kyrgyzstan	300
56.	Latvia	40
57.	Lebanon	2
58.	Lesotho	1,000
59.	Liberia	1,010
60.	Libya	12,000
61.	Lithuania	71
62.	Luxembourg	500
63.	Macedonia	7
64.	Malawi	5,000
65.	Malaysia	20,50,000
66.	Maldives	21,196
67.	Mali	35
68.	Mauritania	33
69.	Mauritius	10,000
70.	Moldova	15
71.	Mongolia	46
72.	Morocco	211
73.	Mozambique	21,000
74.	Myanmar	25,00,000
75.	Namibia	120
76.	Nepal	55,00,000
77.	Netherlands	21,000
78.	New Zealand	97,000
79.	Nicaragua	16
80.	Niger	40
81.	North Korea	10
82.	Oman	3,84,961
83.	Panama	6000-7000

1	2	3
84.	Paraguay	300
85.	Philippines	50,000
86.	Poland	1642
87.	Portugal	75,000
88.	Qatar	2,00,000
89.	Republic of Korea (South Korea)	4,000
90.	Republic of Yemen	1,12,000
91.	Reunion Island	2,20,160
92.	Romania	700
93.	Russian Federation	15,000
94.	Saudi Arabia	14,25,252
95.	Senegal	187
96.	Serbia and Montenegro	28
97.	Sierra Leone	820
98.	Slovak Republic	60
99.	Slovenia	30
100.	South Africa	9,18,400
101.	Spain	28,000
102.	Sri Lanka	15,01,500
103.	Sudan	8,500
104.	Swaziland	350
105.	Sweden	17,000
106.	Switzerland	13,004
107.	Syria	360
108.	Tajikistan	400
109.	Tanzania	45,000
110.	Thailand	90,000
111.	The Gambia	103
112.	Togo	200

1	2	3
113.	Trinidad & Tobago	5,21,400
114.	Tunisia	35
115.	Turkey	287
116.	Ukraine	3000
117.	United Kingdom	15,00,000
118.	United States of America	16,96,000
119.	Uruguay	20
120.	Uzbekistan	120
121.	Venezuela & Netherlands Antilles	3500
122.	Vietnam	299
123.	Zambia	13,000

Statement-II

Names of the countries which do not have Resident Indian Missions/ Posts but are concurrently accredited to a Neighbouring Resident Indian Mission or looked after by other arrangements

Sl. No.	Name of country	Indian Mission to which the country is concurrently accredited
1	2	3
1.	Albania	Embassy of India, Bucharest (Romania)
2.	Andorra	Embassy of India, Madrid (Spain)
3.	Anguilla $$	High Commission of India, Georgetown (Guyana)
4.	Antigua and Barbuda	High Commission of India, Georgetown (Guyana)
5.	Aruba $$	Embassy of India, Caracas (Venezuela)
6.	Bahamas	Embassy of India, Kingston (Jamaica)
7.	Barbados	Embassy of India, Paramaribo (Surinam)

1	2	3
8.	Belize	Embassy of India, Mexico City (Mexico)
9.	Benin	High Commission of India, Abuja (Nigeria)
10.	Bolivia	Embassy of India, Lima (Peru)
11.	Bosnia and Herzegovina	Embassy of India, Budapest (Hungry)
12.	Brazzaville	Embassy of India, Kinshasa (D.R. of Congo)
13.	Burkina Faso	High Commission of India, Accra (Ghana)
14.	Burundi	High Commission of India, Kampala (Uganda)
15.	Cameroon	High Commission of India, Abuja (Nigeria)
16.	Cayman Island $$	High Commission of India, Kingston (Jamaica)
17.	Cape Verde	Embassy of India, Dakar (Senegal)
18.	Central African Republic	Embassy of India, Kinshasa (D.R. of Congo)
19.	Chad	High Commission of India, Abuja (Nigeria)
20.	Comoros	Embassy of India, Antananarivo (Madagascar)
21.	Congo-Republic	Embassy of India, Kinshasa (D.R. of Congo)
22.	Costa Rica	Embassy of India, Bogota (Colombia)
23.	Cook Island $$	High Commission of India, Suva (Fiji)
24.	Djibouti	Embassy of India, Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)
25.	Dominica	High Commission of India, Port of Spain (Trinidad and Tobago)
26.	Dominican Republic	Embassy of India, Havana (Cuba)
27.	Ecuador	Embassy of India, Bogota (Colombia)

1	2	3
28.	El Salvador	Embassy of India, Panama (Panama)
29.	Equatorial Guinea	High Commission of India, Abuja (Nigeria)
30.	Eritrea	High Commission of India, Nairobi (Kenya)
31.	Estonia	Embassy of India, Helsinki (Finland)
32.	Gabon	Embassy of India, Kinshasa (D.R. of Congo)
33.	Gambia	Embassy of India, Dakar (Senegal)
34.	Georgia	Embassy of India, Yerevan (Armenia)
35.	Grenada	High Commission of India, Port of Spain (Trinidad and Tobago)
36.	Guatemala	Embassy of India, Mexico City (Mexico)
37.	Guinea	Embassy of India, Abidjan {Cote d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)}
38.	Guinea Bissau	Embassy of India, Dakar (Senegal)
39.	Haiti	Embassy of India, Havana (Cuba)
40.	Honduras	Embassy of India, Panama (Panama)
41.	Iceland	Embassy of India, Oslo (Norway)
42.	Holy See $$	Embassy of India, Berne (Switzerland)
43.	Kiribati	High Commission of India, Wellington (New Zealand)
44.	Latvia	Embassy of India, Stockholm (Sweden)
45.	Lesotho	High Commission of India, Pretoria (South Africa)
46.	Liberia	Embassy of India, Abidjan {Cote d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)}
47.	Liechtenstein	Embassy of India, Berne (Switzerland)
48.	Lithuania	Embassy of India, Warsaw (Poland)

1	2	3
49.	Luxembourg	Embassy of India, Brussels (Belgium)
50.	Macedonia	Embassy of India, Sofia (Bulgaria)
51.	Malawi	High Commission of India, Lusaka (Zambia)
52.	Mali	Embassy of India, Dakar (Senegal)
53.	Malta	Embassy of India, Tripoli (Libya)
54.	Marshall Island	Embassy of India, Manila (Philippines)
55.	Mauritania	Embassy of India, Dakar (Senegal)
56.	Micronesia	Embassy of India, Manila (Philippines)
57.	Montserrat $$	High Commission of India, Port of Spain (Trinidad and Tobago)
58.	Moldova	Embassy of India, Bucharest (Romania)
59.	Monaco*	Interests looked after by E/I, Paris
60.	Nauru	High Commission of India, Wellington (New Zealand)
61.	Netherlands Antilles	Embassy of India, Caracas (Venezuela)
62.	Nicaragua	Embassy of India, Panama (Panama)
63.	Niger	High Commission of India, Accra (Ghana)
64.	Palau	Embassy of India, Manila (Philippines)
65.	Paraguay	Embassy of India, Buenos Aires (Argentina)
66.	Rwanda	High Commission of India, Kampala (Uganda)
67.	Saint Kitts and Nevis	High Commission of India, Georgetown (Guyana)
68.	Saint Lucia	Embassy of India, Paramaribo (Suriname)
69.	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	Embassy of India, Paramaribo (Suriname)

1	2	3
70.	Samoa	High Commission of India, Wellington (New Zealand)
71.	San Marino	Embassy of India, Rome (Italy)
72.	Sao Tome and Principe	High Commission of India, Abuja (Nigeria)
73.	Sierra Leon	Embassy of India, Abidjan {Cote d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)}
74.	Solomon Islands	High Commission of India, Port Moresby (Papua New Guinea)
75.	Somalia*	Interests looked after by HCI, Nairobi
76.	Swaziland	High Commission of India, Maputo (Mozambique)
77.	Timor Leste	Embassy of India, Jakarta (Indonesia)
78.	Togo	High Commission of India, Accra (Ghana)
79.	Tonga	High Commission of India, Suva (Fiji)
80.	Tuvalu	High Commission of India, Suva (Fiji)
81.	Turks and Caicos Island $$	High Commission of India, Kingston (Jamaica)
82.	Uruguay	Embassy of India, Buenos Aires (Argentina)
83.	Vanuatu	High Commission of India, Port Moresby (Papua New Guinea)

[* (i) **Monaco** is looked after by the Embassy of India, Paris (France). A proposal to establish concurrent accreditation at the level of HOM/DCM is under consideration of the Ministry.

(ii) The consular matters relating to **Somalia** are looked after by Indian High Commission in Nairobi (Kenya).

$$ Countries which are not UN members.]

Statement-III

List of Indian Honorary Consulates General/Honorary Consulates

Sl. No.	Name of country	Location of Honorary Consulate General/Honorary Consulate
1	2	3
1.	Albania	Tirana
2.	Australia	Brisbane & Perth
3.	Barbados	St. James
4.	Belgium	Antwerp
5.	Belize (Central America)	Belize City
6.	Benin	Cotonou
7.	Bolivia	La Paz and Santa Cruz
8.	Brazil	Minas Gerais & Rio de Janeiro
9.	Burkina Faso	Ougadougou
10.	Burundi	Bujumbura
11.	Cameroon	Douala
12.	Chad	N'djamena
13.	Comoros	Moroni
14.	Costa Rica	San Jose
15.	Djibouti	Djibouti
16.	Dominican Republic	Dominican Republic
17.	Ecuador	Quito
18.	Egypt	Alexandria
19.	El Salvador	San Salvador
20.	Estonia	Talinn
21.	Gabon	Libreville
22.	Gambia	Gambia

1	2	3
23.	Germany	Essen & Stuttgart
24.	Greece	Thessaloniki
25.	Guatemala	Guatemala
26.	Guinea	Conakry
27.	Haiti	Port-au-Prince
28.	Honduras	Tegucigalpal
29.	Iceland	Reykjavik & Akureyri
30.	Italy	Naples
31.	Liberia	Monrovia
32.	Luxembourg	Luxembourg
33.	Mali	Bamako
34.	Malta	Malta
35.	Mauritania	Nouakchott
36.	Mexico	Monterrey & Guadalajara
37.	Netherlands Antilles	Curacao
38.	Nicaragua	Nicaragua
39.	Niger	Niamey & Niger
40.	Norway	Bergen & Trondheim
41.	Paraguay	Asuncion
42.	Portugal	Porto
43.	Republic of Congo	Brazaville
44.	Republic of Korea	Pusan
45.	Rwanda	Kigali
46.	Serbia & Montenegro	Montenegro
47.	Sierra Leone	Freetown
48.	Spain	Barcelona & Tenerife
49.	Swaziland	Mbabane

1	2	3
50.	Switzerland	Zurich
51.	Syria	Aleppo & Lattakia
52.	Turkey	Izmir & Bodrum
53.	United Kingdom	Belfast
54.	United States of America	Atlanta, Georgia & Honolulu (Hawaii)
55.	Uruguay	Montevideo
56.	Vanuatu (SW Pacific)	Port Vila

Indians with forged documents in Spain

†2634. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:
SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI:

Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a group of 150 Indians was sent to Spain on forged documents by a travel agency in February and April, 2006;

(b) whether it is a fact that whereabouts of this group of Indians are still not known;

(c) the action taken by Government to find out the lost Indians;

(d) whether it is also a fact that some other travel agencies are also sending Indians abroad on forged documents; and

(e) if so, the steps taken by Government to identify the guilty travel agencies and take action against them?

THE MINISTER OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI): (a) to (c) As per the information received from Indian Mission in Madrid, Spain, there have been reports in the media that a group of Punjabi youth went missing on their way to Spain. They were purportedly travelling on "incentive trips" arranged by a tour operator namely Tanvir Tours and Travels, who claimed that the trip was organised by Hero Cycle, an Indian cycle manufacturer. Spanish Embassy in New Delhi has filed an FIR with the Tughlaq Road Police Station regarding forged Spanish Visas on which this group travelled.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.